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CAPABLE OF TIMING MEASUREMENT

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**REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

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This Reply is in responsive to the Examiner's Office Action dated October 4, 2004.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-8 are pending in the application. The Examiner has rejected claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Okada (U.S. Patent No. 6152880, hereafter "Okada") in view of McEwen et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,469,099,646,341, hereafter "McEwen").

Independent claim 1 cites:

1. An electronic sphygmomanometer capable for timing measurement, comprising:  
a bulk body;